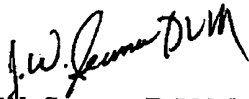


REMARKS

New dependant claims 29-31 have been added herein to more distinctly claim specific embodiments of the present invention directed compositions and methods for enhancing wound healing at a wound site via modulation of matrix metalloproteinase activity at the wound site. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney directly if such contact will enhance the efficient prosecution of the application to issue.

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--29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the composition comprises from 40% to 80% by weight of solids of an aqueous oak bark extract.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said carrier is water.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said carrier is cream based.--